

# The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

## Minutes of the Paramedic Committee

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Middlesex Shoreline Medical Center  
Westbrook, CT

Attendance: Jim Santacroce, Scott Worcester, Doug Dole, Dave Bailey, Kevin Brown, Mark Hennequin, Guy Henry, Barry Barkinsky

### 1. Minutes from May 20, 2014 were approved.

June meeting: Only Jim Santacroce and Doug Dole , so no meeting took place.

We did not meet in July and August.

### 2 Chair's report

a)CEMSAB- did not meet in July and August.

Doug was not able to attend the June meeting, but summarized the minutes.

### 3. Committee Reports

a) Trauma Committee (Jim S)- last meeting included discussion about BLS Narcan. The committee was supportive. Next meeting: September 18.

Discussion about LifeStar data for patient outcomes. Is it available? Can it be used to update training and deployment guidelines?

b) Legislative Committee (Doug D)- NTR, the committee did not meet over the summer.

### 4) Old Business

#### a)Goals

-Community Paramedicine/MIH: much discussion

-need legislation changes to allow for billing,

-no proposal from DPH since legislation must be initiated locally,

-reducing hospital readmission rates and frequent visits are not within the scope of

- the EMS system,
- scheduled, non-transport work is not within the scope of practice of paramedics,
- Community Paramedicine, continued
- What can we do?
  - A strong coalition will be needed to move this forward. We should seek them out and work with them (YNHH, Hartford Healthcare, etc),
  - work on alternative destinations,
  - work on referrals to other services,
  - another MIH conference with some focus on the work that needs to be done (contact Dave Bailey very soon with recommendation for speakers/topics).
- Communications
  - Facebook- Maybe we just have John Q put it to a vote at CEMSAB and establish rules.
  - we are having trouble finding anyone from the State who can give us guidelines for use,
  - Kevin and Dave will see what they can find and forward to Doug.

#### 5) New Business

- a) Equipment Lists- annual evaluation of lists and Dave Bailey is soliciting input for changes.
- b) Narcan- a number of services have implemented BLS Narcan. Dr. Kaman gave a Train-the-Trainer lecture.
- c) Active Shooter- Middletown drill: went well, lessons learned,
  - upcoming Newington drill,
  - group in North Central developing a guideline,
- d) NRP Transition- North Central Region requiring all medics to attend,
  - FISDAP would require State approval, requested by an instructor,
  - Kevin Brown is approving 48 hour Medic refreshers which can include onlone FISDAP.
- e) Sepsis Screening Tools- Who has implemented Sepsis Alerts? Any data collection?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 0930.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dole  
Chair

#### Our Mission

The CT EMS Advisory Board's Paramedic Committee represents Paramedics across the state. The mission we have accepted is to review and share best practices within the profession as it pertains to patient care, EMS Education, communication, and professional standards.